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Uniform and Insignia
WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA

Issue of supplements to this regulation is prohibited, unless specifically approved by Headquarters, Fifth U.S. Army and Fort Sam Houston.

1. PURPOSE. This regulation is intended to clarify issues not covered in AR 670-1, which prescribes the Army uniforms which may be worn, the items which may be worn on the uniform, and the manner in which the uniform will or will not be worn by Army personnel.

2. APPLICABILITY. This regulation is applicable to all military personnel assigned or attached to units stationed at Fort Sam Houston and its subinstallations.

3. REFERENCE. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. Commanders/Officers-In-Charge (OIC) will provide necessary guidance and command emphasis to ensure compliance with the intent of this regulation. All soldiers are responsible for enforcing these standards under the authority of General Military Authority.

5. PROCEDURES. The following basic policies (extracted from current Department of the Army guidance) are furnished to provide a clearer understanding of the authorized dress code for military personnel and to clarify those issues for which the installation commander may prescribe local policy.

a. Part II, AR 670-1 identifies those uniforms that are categorized as Utility and Organizational uniforms which are authorized for wear only between an individual's quarters and duty station. A list of these uniforms is contained in Appendix A. Exceptions to this policy may be authorized by CONUS installation commanders in accordance with paragraph 2-5e, AR 670-1.

(1) As an exception to this policy, the battle dress uniform (BDU)/utility uniform and the hospital duty (white) uniform may be worn when:

*This regulation supersedes FSH Reg 670-1, 26 Jun 92.

(a) Shopping at a local business establishment or purchasing and/or eating food at a restaurant, diner, cafe and fast food facility. Military bearing will be exercised on any civilian facility when wearing the BDU/hospital white uniform.

(b) Making essential stops at commercial establishments, such as laundry, cleaners, service stations or convenience food stores.

(2) The BDU/utility uniform and the hospital duty (white) uniform are not authorized for wear at off-post establishments such as bars, and clubs (any facility that sells spirits as its primary source of income).

(3) Commanders are authorized, as deemed appropriate, to establish the BDU/utility uniform and the hospital duty (white) uniform for wear for social or official functions off the installation, such as luncheons, memorial services and funerals.

(4) Soldiers will present a clean and neat appearance at all times while utilizing off-post establishments. The BDU/utility uniform, with headgear, will be worn in accordance with AR 670-1 while off post.

b. Appropriate military headgear is required to be worn by personnel when in uniform while waiting at covered bus stops or when dismounting from a vehicle at a service station or self-service facility, because these facilities are generally considered to be outdoor areas.

c. Wearing of personal stereo cassette player and/or radio headphones while in uniform is not authorized.

d. Wear of protective headgear is mandatory for all operators and/or passengers when riding motorcycles or like vehicles on this installation. Personnel in uniform will carry the appropriate uniform headgear with them, and will don the headgear immediately upon dismounting the vehicle.

e. Wear of bright colored commercial-type rain suits and/or protective coveralls is authorized when operating motorcycles, bicycles, and like vehicle during rainy or frigid weather conditions.

f. Wear of the parka extended cold weather camouflage (gortex), olive green parka or the black all weather coat is authorized with the battle dress uniform.

g. The physical fitness uniform (PFU) is not authorized for wear in theaters, officer/NCO/enlisted clubs, commissaries, exchanges, or any other similar facility on this installation (except the clothing sales store, during student inprocessing in a controlled environment, and dining facilities on this installation when duty requirements prohibit timely change of uniform prior to closing of facilities). Unit commanders will provide advance notification to the appropriate dining facility manager, to include the date and the number of personnel authorized to wear the PFU for a particular meal. The PFU may be worn for prescribed fatigue details. Soldiers may wear any element of the PFU when not on the installation. The only insignia authorized for wear on the PFU is the Physical Fitness Badge. When it is worn, it will be placed on the upper left side of the PFU T-shirt and/or sweat shirt. Wrist/headbands and leg warmers will not be worn with the PFU. Unit commanders may authorize the wearing of unit T-shirts; commercial running shoes, socks, gloves, long underwear; and other items appropriate to weather conditions and type of activity. Long underwear and other similar items must be concealed from view by hooded sweat shirt and pants. Unit commanders may authorize the wear of commercially purchased gray or black biking shorts or equivalent under the PFU shorts. The length of the biking shorts or equivalent must end above the knee or higher. The commercial items should not bear obtrusive markings or patterns. Soldiers will not be required to buy these items. Wear of the navy blue knit cap is authorized with the PFU, at the commander's discretion, when weather conditions dictate.

h. Mixing of military and civilian clothing is prohibited (with the exception of the military sweater, raincoat, wind breaker, and overcoat with the insignia of grade removed; and military low quarter shoes, oxfords, or pumps).

APPENDIX A

LIST OF UTILITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL UNIFORMS

1. Temperate and Hot Weather Battle Dress Uniforms.
2. Maternity Work Uniform.
3. Desert Battle Dress Uniform.
4. Hot Weather Noncamouflage Uniform.
5. Cold Weather Uniform.
6. Hospital Duty Uniform - Male.
7. Hospital Duty and Maternity Uniforms - Female.
8. Food Service Uniform - Male.
9. Food Service and Maternity Uniform - Female.
10. Flight Uniform.
11. Combat Vehicle Crewman Uniform.
12. Physical Training Uniform.

The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Sam Houston, ATTN: AFZG-PA, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-5000

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